# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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INDIANS LANGUISHING IN PAK JAILS
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that a large number of Indian prisoners languishing in Pakistani jails are turning insane because of unhealthy living conditions and torture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a & b) There have been continuing reports of maltreatment of Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails.These and other cases of maltreatment, where observed during consular access by officials of our Mission in Islamabad, are brought to the attention of Pakistani authorities.

(c) Government would continue to take up with the Government of Pakistan the issue of providing better treatment and facilities for the Indian detainees and also its efforts to secure their early release and repatriation.